

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HOLDING OFFICES.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RELATIVE TO

Members of Congress appointed to office; in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 20th of January last.

FEBRUARY 1, 1847.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate herewith a report of the Secretary of War, together with reports of the Adjutant General and Paymaster General of the army, in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 20th instant, requesting the President to communicate to the House "whether any, and if any, which, of the representatives named in the list annexed have held any office or offices under the United States since the commencement of the 29th Congress; designating the office or offices held by each, and whether the same are now so held; and including in said information the names of all who are now serving in the army of the United States as officers, and receiving pay as such, and when and by whom they were commissioned."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January 29, 1847.*

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 28, 1847.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith reports of the Adjutant General and Paymaster General of the army, made pursuant to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 20th instant, requesting the President to communicate to the House "whether any, and if any, which, of the representatives named in the list annexed have held any office or offices under the United States since the commencement of the 29th Congress; designating the office or offices held by each, and whether the same are now so held; and including in said information the names of all who are now serving in the army of the United States as officers, and receiving pay as such, and when and by whom they were commissioned."

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The reports herewith contain the required information, so far as furnished by the records of this department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

To the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 23, 1847.

SIR: In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 20th instant, requesting the names of all the representatives—on a list accompanying the resolution—who are now serving in the army of the United States as officers, and receiving pay as such, and when and by whom they were commissioned, I have the honor to state that the Hon. Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi; Edward D. Baker, of Illinois; Sterling Price, of Missouri, and Archibald Yell, of Arkansas, whose names appear on said list, have been mustered into the service of the United States as colonels of regiments of volunteers from those States; and, being now in the service of the United States, are entitled to receive the pay, &c., provided by law for the grade of colonel in the army. Their commissions, it is presumed, were conferred on them by the executive of their respective States, the dates of which are unknown, but presumed to be in the months of June, July, and August, as the regiments were received into service during those months.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. JONES, *Adjutant General.*

Hon. W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, *January 23, 1847.*

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 20th instant, requesting to be informed whether any, and if any, which, of the members of Congress have held offices under the United States since the commencement of the 29th Congress, including the names of such as are now serving in the army of the United States as officers, and receiving pay as such, &c., I have the honor to report that, from the accounts of paymasters, so far as received, it appears that Colonel E. D. Baker, of the Illinois volunteers, was paid as colonel from the 6th of June to the 6th of October, 1846, \$682 63, and from the 1st to the 31st of December, 1846, \$175 60—total \$858 23. He has also been paid from the 6th October to 30th of November, 1846, but his pay accounts are not yet received.

Colonel A. Yell, of the Arkansas volunteers, was paid as colonel from the 4th of July to 31st of August, \$336 98; and Colonel S. Price, of the Missouri volunteers, from the 12th of August, 1846, to 31st of October, 1846, \$528 99.

The pay accounts of Colonel Jefferson Davis, of the Mississippi volunteers, have not yet been received.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. TOWSON, *Paymaster General.*

Hon. W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.